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Chapter 1 : Books by Joshua Jortner (Author of Advances in Chemical Physics, Volume)

The 24th Jerusalem Symposium mirrored the excessive criteria of those unique clinical conferences, which convene every year on the Israel Academy of Sciences and arts in Jerusalem to debate a selected subject within the large region of quantum chemistry and biochemistry. the subject at this year's Jerusalem Symposium was once mode selective.

Petrac- shen and E. Applications of Group Theory in Quantum Mechanics. Within the limited space of pages the authors have succeeded in giving a very concise survey of all the main applications of group theory in quantum mechanics. About a third of the book is devoted to the theory of abstract groups and their representations, including continuous groups. Point groups and space groups are described in connection with their use for classifying vibrations and electronic states of molecules and crystals. Four chapters are devoted to the three-dimensional rotation group and its application to atomic problems. Two chapters deal with the use of group theory in perturbation theory and the construction of selection rules. In the two final chapters the Lorentz group and the symmetry properties of the Dirac equation are discussed. Most chapters are provided with a few exercises. Hints for the solution of the more difficult ones are given at the end of the book. One must admire the authors ability to restrict the topics to just those aspects of the subject which are really necessary for a consistent treatment. Despite the resulting concentrated text the book is not at all difficult to read. It can be recommended both to beginners and to students who already know some group theory, Quantum Chemistry Group Uppsala University Uppsala, Sweden Received November 28, The Jerusalem Academy of Sciences and Humanities. Jerusalem , , and The scope of the presented papers comprises a rather pervasive microcosm of theoretically and experimentally oriented interpretive techniques with a primary emphasis on the middle ground. As such the papers presented in these three volumes should provide both chemically oriented theorists and experimentalists with a reservoir of results and data which can be a valuable synopsis and supplement to their knowledge. As with most such conclaves it is not possible to maintain uniform standards and the judgement of the quality of individual discourses, which on the whole was stimulating, must be left to the discerning reader. Most of the participants, while recognizing the importance and theoretical preeminence of ab initio calculations, sought to rationalize experimental results by means of parametrization methods which preserved the essential features of the more refined but lengthier and more expensive methods. A question always in the background seemed to be whether it was preferable to utilize existing computer facilities for a relatively small number of precise non-empirical calculations, which would survive the test of time, or to simplify these calculations by means of some self-consistent parametrization and extend the work to far larger categories of molecules. The content of the presented papers was overwhelmingly in favor of the latter approach. The adequacy of a given method proves to depend largely on the properties being studied with a particularly large division occurring for ground state properties, electronic transitions, and chemical reactivity. In the introductory paper to the heterocycle symposium A. Pullman presented a series of comparative calculations for adenine, guanine, cytosine, and uracil. Though the details often differed from one method to another, it was found that the essential features of such quantities as dipole moments, ionization energies, and charge densities were similar and compared favorably with experimental results and ab initio calculations. In this paper as in several others the gradation in refinement among the various approximation methods has been analysed. While the original Huckel method, which treated only π -electrons in a non-specifically interacting manner, served to explain many of the salient features of homocyclic aromatic molecules, its failure to treat σ and π electron polarizations separately in heterocyclic compounds requires a drastic alteration in the method. This method is further improved by allowing the integrals to be dependent on the effective charges of the atoms. Explicit accounting for the dependence of the charge distribution on the net charges of the individual atoms is achieved by writing where m_{ij} and a_i : The charges are calculated by dividing overlap charges between two orbitals in such a way as to use orbital geometries in a logical fashion rather than dividing the S_{ij} contribution equally among the two centers. This

avoids the errors implicit in atomic point charge approximations. The authors conclude that IEHT methods are valuable for charge densities and orbital populations and therefore will be of value for analysing inductive and resonance effects in aromatic substitution. Needless to say any such method will be inadequate for describing BOOK REVIEWS properties dependent on electron correlation and hence many of the features of spectra; however, a good relative ordering of excited states, often superior to ab initio SCF methods, is claimed. In the discussion of a paper employing the PPP method E. Jaffe make the following comments which seem to summarize many of the divergences between the two approaches: In setting up a semi-empirical scheme, we have to neglect vast numbers of small quantities ϵ . When we are sure that the quantities we have retained are the ones that are physically important, we can consider the possibility of semi-empirical adjustment, knowing that the structure of the theory is reasonable. I think the ones that have been discussed. We cannot find a single calculation that will do everything for us, and we have to use different parametrization and sometimes different calculations for different purposes. A brief and by no means exhaustive synopsis of the symposium includes in addition to the above mentioned: This allows separate adjustment of the σ and π electrons to the molecular environment without losing the advantages inherent in a formal separation. It is stated, for example, that the non-empirical results, which show markedly different σ and π electron electronegativities for certain atoms, are reproduced in a simpler and more intelligible manner. Particularly noteworthy are the charge density maps, which show the outward displacement of the center of charge for. Based on a simple molecular orbital approach it is shown that the modified π -energy at the 2 and 4 positions of the quinolinium ion is lowest for nucleophilic reagents as is borne out by experiment. This result unifies the delocalized and hyperconjugative approaches to the problem, which has seemingly led to divergent interpretations. The question of which tautomers predominate in solution cannot be answered from crystallographic data. This investigation not only studies the properties of a variety of tautomers but also the interactions among tautomers which may lead to stabilization in both solid and liquid phases. The importance of dipole moment computations in distinguishing among the various isomers is stressed. The Aromaticity Symposium wrestles with the problem of rationalizing classical and intuitive concepts with more quantitative quantum mechanical ideas. Some of the criteria for aromaticity were expressed in terms of double-bond fixation, ring currents, low entropy of formation, delocalization, and chemical reactivity. The most sensible conclusions regarding this aspect of the subject emphasised the need for flexibility and a desire to avoid narrowing the criteria to an exclusive consideration of either ground state or particular excited state properties. The papers presented in this session include: Starting from the simple concept of LCMO orbitals for interacting double bonds this idea is expanded by means of energy correlation diagrams and illustrated with experimental data. On the other hand, not only is the reactivity of the one ring in a monosubstituted compound greatly enhanced but that of the unsubstituted ring is almost equally affected. Despite obvious anomalies in the attack on this difficult problem the results achieved a preliminary understanding and provided a stimulus to further experimental and theoretical work. BOOK REVIEWS In conclusion it may be said that the collected papers of these symposia give many valuable insights towards the problems of interpretive chemistry, both from the experimental and theoretical viewpoint. Perhaps the most outstanding unanswered question which may hopefully be the topic of a future Jerusalem Symposium is related to the physical and mathematical significance of calculations which on the one hand follow the framework of an exact formalism, but on the other evaluate certain quantities by experimental parameters. As has been pointed out on occasion during the discussions, there is always the danger of counting some terms more than once and others not at all, the moment one loses track of all the terms which appear in the exact theory. Mere agreement with experiment and definitive ab initio calculations, while encouraging and often useful, is not sufficient to ensure the construction of a fully reliable theory. It is to be hoped that a system may eventually evolve which combines the facility of the semi-empirical with the precision of the ab initio calculations in an intelligible and rigorous manner.

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Chapter 2 : Joshua Jortner Books

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The topic at this year's Jerusalem Symposium was mode selective chemistry, which constitutes a truly interdisciplinary subject of central interest in the areas of chemical physics, photochemistry and photobiology.